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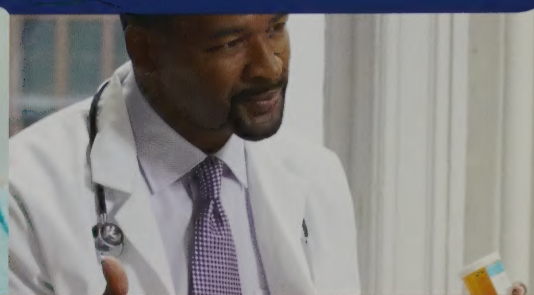
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NEWS

UHC Again Ranks Rush Top Five for Quality

The first quarter of fiscal year 2009 (July 1 – Sept. 30, 2008) brought Rush University Medical Center high marks in quality.

For the fourth consecutive year, the University HealthSystem Consortium has ranked Rush among the five top-performing academic medical centers in the country based on high performance in quality and safety. Rush is one of only two academic medical centers to be in the top 10 each year of the study, recognition that reinforces the value of your Rush degree and reflects the skill of today's RMC faculty. Read more about Rush's UHC ranking online at rmc.rushalumni.org.

Executive Council Supports Dean's Summer Research Fellowship Program

Last October the Executive Council of the Alumni Association of Rush Medical College voted to support the Dean's Summer Research Fellowship Program with a \$35,000 gift from the RMC Alumni Fund, the largest gift the Alumni Association has made to the research program to date.

Each year, the summer research fellowships offer Rush medical students the opportunity to contribute to faculty research projects or pursue service opportunities beyond the scope of their normal training. Philanthropic donations made by alumni support students' side-by-side research with faculty on projects like the development of a screening test for ovarian cancer and the testing of new algorithms for cardiac risk assessment.

For more information about the summer research fellowship program or supporting the alumni fund, contact Alysha Comstock, director of development and alumni relations, at (312) 942-7227 or Alysha_Comstock@rush.edu.

Rush Sees Increase in NIH Funding

At a time when funding from the National Institutes of Health is shrinking nationwide, Rush's NIH funding has grown considerably. For the first quarter of the current fiscal year, Rush's NIH awards were up nearly 40 percent from the same period last year. Rush received almost \$25.5 million in NIH funding during this period.



Rush Transformation Continues on Schedule

In September Rush celebrated the ground breaking for its new East Tower, the 806,000-square-foot hospital Rush is building at the northwest corner of Ashland Avenue and Harrison Street. The 14-story facility, scheduled to open in 2012, will feature an Advanced Surgery and Treatment Center, in which all diagnostic and treatment procedures are grouped on central floors that operate as an integrated unit. One of only three of its kind in the nation, the center will include 28 large, flexible operating rooms with intraoperative imaging, microsurgery, robotics and tele-conferencing for medical training. The hospital will also include a new acute and critical care bed tower, neonatal intensive care unit and emergency department equipped to respond to mass casualties, as well as epidemics.

Meanwhile, construction continues on a new parking garage, central power plant, and a five-story orthopedic ambulatory care building that will open in the autumn of 2009 on the west side of Ashland Avenue between Harrison and Flournoy streets.

You can view the construction progress online at www.rush.edu/transformation.

Rush Medical College Reunion

Make plans to attend Reunion 2009 on Oct. 17. This year's celebration will especially honor classes with years ending in three, four, eight and nine from 1973 to 2004. Invitations will be mailed this summer.

Nominations are currently being accepted for this year's Distinguished Alumnus/a Award and the James A. Campbell, MD, Alumni Service Award. Nominations must be received by April 1, and nomination forms are available online at rmc.rushalumni.org/awards. For more information about reunion or nominating an individual for recognition, contact Alysha Comstock, director of development and alumni relations, at (312) 942-7227 or Alysha_Comstock@rush.edu.

Faculty News



Theodore R. Oegema Jr., PhD, has been named associate dean for research development in Rush Medical College. Oegema was previously chairperson of the Department of Biochemistry. In his new role, he will facilitate research collaborations between departments and individual investigators, foster the mentoring of new investigators and facilitate the shared use of research spaces and equipment among researchers in the medical college.

He will also serve as an advisor to James Mulshine, MD, associate provost for research, along with the research deans of Rush University College of Nursing, College of Health Sciences and the Graduate College.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

CLINICAL TRIALS

Alzheimer's Disease Study

Raj Shah, MD, in the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center is conducting a study to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of 18 months of treatment with an experimental drug compared to placebo in participants with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. This experimental drug was developed to inhibit the RAGE protein, which binds to amyloid plaques in the brain. Nationwide, approximately 400 participants will be recruited for this study across 40 research sites.

For a list of inclusion and exclusion criteria or more information, please contact Shah at (312) 942-8264.

Single Injection Knee Osteoarthritis Study

Joel A. Block, MD, in the Section Rheumatology is conducting a knee osteoarthritis (single injection) study. Rheumatologists at Rush are looking for volunteers to participate in this research study testing the effectiveness and tolerability of an investigational medication for the relief of osteoarthritis of the knee.

For a list of inclusion and exclusion criteria or more information, please contact Rita Tharpe at (312) 563-2956.

Early Onset Depression Study

William Scheftner, MD, in the Department of Psychiatry is conducting a Genetics of Recurrent, Early-Onset Depression-2 (GenRED-2) study to identify genes underlying susceptibility to major depressive disorder.

For a list of inclusion and exclusion criteria or more information, please contact Karen Neimanas at (312) 942-7283.

CME BRIEFS

Improving Medical Practice by Advancing Clinical Therapeutics – 2009

Dates and Locations Include:

March 14, 2009 – Orlando, Fla.

March 28, 2009 – Phoenix, Ariz.

April 18, 2009 – Chicago, Ill.

May 2, 2009 – Philadelphia, Pa.

Sponsor: Department of Medicine

Section of Digestive Diseases

Credit Hours: 8

Contact: Seymour M. Sabesin, MD

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Changing Strategies in HIV: The Role of New Antiretrovirals

Internet Program

Expiration Date: Nov. 30, 2009

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Section of Infectious Diseases

Location: www.cchiv.com

Credit Hours: 1.5

Contact: Kelly McCulloch

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CME credit hours free to RMC alumni. For more CME opportunities, visit www.rush.edu/professionals/cme.

CLASS NOTES

Marshall P. Welles, MD 1935, founded the Bangkok Christian Hospital in 1949 in Bangkok, Thailand. In July, he received notification that the hospital's board of directors will name the hospital's new, 17-story facility in his honor. Welles lives in Duarte, Calif., and turned 101 last year.

David Campbell, MD 1974, is professor of surgery at the University of Colorado, chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center and medical director of the pediatric cardiac ICU at The Children's Hospital in Denver. This year Campbell was among the first to participate in Rush's new HOST (Helping Our Students Travel) program. HOST's alumni volunteers provide housing and transportation to Rush students who are interviewing for their residencies near volunteers' homes, a cost savings and valuable networking opportunity for students.

Glen D. Solomon, MD 1979, has been appointed professor and chairperson of the Department of Internal Medicine at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. Solomon was previously chairperson, residency program director and attending physician in the Department of Medicine at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill. He also served as professor of medicine and vice chairman for the Department of Medicine at the Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Susan Thompson Hingle, MD 1993, associate professor of internal medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, has been awarded the Laureate Award, the highest honor from the American College of Physicians Illinois Chapter.

Nicole Mozden, MD 2003, has joined the staff at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Board certified in pediatrics, Mozden has offices in Chicago Ridge and Orland Park, Ill.

HOUSE STAFF

Tracey Cornella-Carlson, MD, oversees the new child and adolescent inpatient eating disorder program at Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wis. The Eating Disorder Center

has moved patients into their own unit and provides specialized care. Cornella-Carlson completed a psychiatry fellowship at Rush in 1997.

Pedro E. Juan, MD, has joined the medical staff of Boca Raton Community Hospital. Juan is board certified in internal medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine at Rush in 2001.

Rachel Mayorga, MD, has joined Oak Brook Health Care Centre in Oak Brook, Ill., as medical director. Mayorga was most recently on staff at Advocate Good Shepard Hospital and Downers Grove Geriatrics Clinic. She is board certified in both geriatrics and internal medicine and completed her geriatrics fellowship at Rush in 2003.

IN MEMORIAM

Leon Seidman, MD 1937, of Northbrook, Ill.; April 2, 2008

Thomas A. Slate, MD 1937, of San Diego; Oct. 29, 2008



John R. Tobin Jr., MD 1942, died July 29, 2008, in Oak Brook, Ill. He was 91. After his years at Rush, Tobin interned at Rush-Presbyterian Hospital and completed his residency at the University of Chicago Clinics. In 1955 he joined the staff at Cook County Hospital and later became director of the Department of Adult cardiology. In 1969 Tobin became the first chairman of Loyola University Medical Center's Department of Medicine and became dean of Loyola's Stritch

School of Medicine in 1982. He retired in 1987. Tobin is credited with recruiting an impressive roster of physicians to Loyola during his tenure there and had a lifelong passion for teaching. He is survived by his daughter **Mary Kay Tobin, MD** 1977, an allergist and immunologist at Rush University Medical Center.

Stephen Paul Montgomery, MD 1974, of Raleigh, N.C.; Nov. 4, 2008

Edgar F. Salazar-Grueso, MD 1982, of Chester Springs, Pa.; Nov. 1, 2008

Paul K. Feldman, MD 1987, of Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Nov. 1, 2008

Benjamin Rush Society Annual Celebration

On Nov. 14, 2008, Dr. Larry J. Goodman, president and CEO of Rush, and his wife, Mikki, hosted 80 faculty, alumni and guests at the Robert W. Sessions House for the Benjamin Rush Society Annual Celebration. Society Chairman Russell M. Petrak, MD 1980, welcomed more than 40 new members to the society, which now has more than 250 members.



Anthony W. Kim, MD 1998 (left),
Chairman Russ Petrak, MD 1980

The Benjamin Rush Society recognizes alumni, faculty and friends who make annual gifts to RMC of \$2,000 or more. Associate membership is extended to those who graduated from Rush within the past 10 years and make annual gifts of at least \$1,000.

The next Benjamin Rush Society celebration will be Oct. 16, 2009. For more information about the society, contact Alysha Comstock, director of development and alumni relations, at (312) 942-7227 or Alysha_Comstock@rush.edu.

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